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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A thin-film coated toner comprising:
a powder toner, with a softening temperature ranging from 50 to 150°C; and
a surface of the powder toner coated substantially continuously with the thin film comprising ~~[[an]]~~ a urea-base thermosetting resin, wherein said powder toner is a ground toner; ~~[[and]]~~

wherein the urea-base resin is formed by resinifying a urea-base resin precursor mixture which ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of at least either one of a urea and a urea derivative and at least either one of a formaldehyde and formaldehyde derivative on the surface of the powder toner, while avoiding fusing the powder toner.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) A thin-film coated toner according to claim 1, wherein an average film thickness of the thin film is 0.005 to 1µm.

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7. (Previously presented) A thin-film coated toner according to claim 1, wherein the powder toner is a polymerized toner.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) A thin-film coated toner according to claim 1, wherein a true sphericity (DSF) defined by the following formula I is 0.85 or more;

$$DSF = m/M \quad I$$

wherein m represents a minimum diameter of a projection drawing of the toner and M represents a maximum diameter of the projection drawing of the same.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)